At our last town board meeting we had a visit from two-year-old Camden Renner who wanted to remind all of our residents that the Penfield Presbyterian Day Care will be holding a pancake breakfast on Saturday, November 17 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Don’s Original located at the corner of Routes 441 and 250. This fundraiser helps support the day care operations for more than 80 of our youngest residents. Tickets can be purchased at the door and are $5 per person and $20 per family of four or more. Camden, I hope to see you there for breakfast!

Last Saturday the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf (PEFS) held an open house at its new home located at 1618 Jackson Road. The move to this location is a joint effort between the PEFS and the Town of Penfield to provide the PEFS with a large space on a single floor to support the many families of Penfield that need help from time to time. For 15 years the First Baptist Church generously provided space for the PEFS mission; I know this was very much appreciated by everyone involved. Our entire Penfield community can assist PEFS in so many ways. Here are a few suggestions: You can donate non-perishable foods; your club, organization or neighborhood can adopt a shelf; or you can provide financial support. I have been informed that a generous Food Shelf supporter has pledged up to $10,000 when matched by individual (non-corporate) contributions made by December 31, 2012. Your donation will be doubled and would be greatly appreciated by Food Shelf Families who, without exception, say “thank you” after every visit. Consider making your tax deductible check payable to the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf and mail it to: Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf, 1618 Jackson Road, Penfield, NY 14526. Thank you in advance for making a big difference to so many families within our community.

I would like to announce a special two-day brush drop-off for Penfield residents Friday, November 16 and Saturday, November 17 at the Public Works Complex (1607 Jackson Road) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days. Please note that brush includes branches, stumps, logs, shrubs and other tree and shrub debris. This is NOT an opportunity to dispose of grass clippings or leaves. Damage from Hurricane Sandy has created an additional amount of brush for residents to dispose of this time of year. The recent mild weather has made it possible for families to clean up tree debris, so we are opening up the public works brush-pile for two days to help everyone clear out their yards before snow sets in for the season. The town accepts brush at the public works complex year-round, Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The addition of the Nov 16 and 17 dates expands residents’ options to include a Friday and Saturday.

We all know that the snow and cold is just around the corner. Winter parking rules are in effect from November 15 through April 1. This means no parking is allowed on all roads and highways between 2:00 and 7:00 a.m. to permit highway crews to safely and effectively plow and maintain roads. Thank you in advance for your understanding and support on this matter.

Looking for something different to do on a Sunday? Consider attending the Penfield Heritage Association’s next lecture on November 18 at the Ruth Braman Room at the Community Center from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. This month’s program is entitled “Penfield’s Rifle Range.” You may quickly assume this lecture will cover the Outlet Rod and Gun Club or the Genesee Conservation League—but it isn’t about either of these familiar spots! Few people know that 55 acres in Penfield was used by the US Army National Guard for training more than 60 years ago. To find out the exact location, the history of this site, and to take a photographic tour of the area (followed by an actual site tour in the spring), come listen to speaker Steve Arter, a former member of the US Army National Guard. This is yet another jewel in our great Penfield community.

Until next week, may you and your family have a wonderful and happy Thanksgiving!

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